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Michael Sisk,
Director

Upcoming Events

By Michael Sisk

In May we will be surveying some leased facilities throughout the state to measure the satisfaction level of the service that GSA, especially our field office, provides you. A member of my staff will be contacting your agency, if surveyed, to set up survey dates.

The last time these facilities were measured, 88% of you responded that overall you were satisfied with our service. We were extremely pleased with those results and hope to improve that score on this round. Please take the time to complete your building's satisfaction survey. A change has taken place concerning how satisfaction is measured. In overall satisfaction was based on answering "YES" or "NO". This year the questions ask you to choose a level of satisfaction within a range of "1 - 5."

We Strive for 5 so if you are satisfied with the service we have provided, you can mark "4" or "5". If you are unsatisfied with the service our office provided, you can mark any number. I do ask if you mark any box other than 4 or 5, please tell us what we can do to improve our service to you.

**Customer
Satisfaction
Survey
Will Take
Place In:
May**

Thank you for your participation and completion of the survey.



Tony Pensick,
Building Management Specialist

Tony Pensick has Retired

By Janie Augustine

Anthony Pensick, better known as Tony, retired from General Services Administration on March 31, 2006. He had over thirty two years of service with the government.

He started working for General Services Administration in January 1974 as a Carpenter in Lincoln, Nebraska. In June of 1978, he transferred with GSA to Omaha, NE, as a Utilities Systems Repairer-Operator Foreman. In August 1995, he returned to Lincoln as a Property Manager.

He and his wife Judith, plan on spending more time with their three daughters and grandchildren.

Congratulations Tony!!



Chuck Korytowski,
Building Management Specialist

Chuck Korytowski Promoted

By Dan Rankin

Congratulations to Chuck Korytowski on his recent promotion to Building Management Specialist.

Chuck was previously the Building Service Representative for 10 years, at the Robert V.

Denney Federal Building in Lincoln, Nebraska. Before that, he was a building mechanic at the Edward Zorinsky Federal Building in Omaha, Nebraska.

Chuck specializes in results oriented solutions for our Lincoln customers! The Nebraska Office is confident that the exceptional customer service in Lincoln will continue and grow under Mr. Korytowski's guidance.



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Jeff Warinski, New Construction Representative Joins GSA Nebraska Office

By Michael Sisk

Jeff Warinski joins the Nebraska Field Office on May 1, as our new Construction Representative. Jeff comes to us from the Veterans Administration in Omaha. He spent the last 17 years with the VA as a construction project manager, so he brings a lot of experience to the job.

He will be handling all of your construction projects. GSA is committed to providing top customer service. We are a one stop shop for all of your office alteration needs. We are always available for questions. Jeff Warinski can be reached at 402.221.4725.

Edward Zorinsky Federal Building Update

By Dan Rankin



Interior of
Edward
Zorinsky
Federal
Building

The renovation of the previously turquised talk of the town Federal Building continues to progress towards completion. The building is nearly dried in with the exception of the skylight, the courtyard and some exterior glazing.

The first two floors of the building's exterior will feature a glass curtain wall which covers the concrete masonry block now visible from the street. 3rd through 9th floor glazing is sized to run the entire height and width of each window bay opening. This is made possible by an interior design which eliminates a convential ceiling approach. HVAC duct and electrical conduit normally hidden from view are exposed. This design allows as much natural light as possible to reach the center of each floor. This reduces the demand for artificial lighting and conserves energy. A new white roof is now in place which will improve the

building's ability to conserve energy by rejecting the heat normally absorbed by a traditional black roof.

The 1st floor of the renovated facility will feature E.Z. Eats Cafeteria serving hot meals under the Atrium Skylight. Adjacent to the dining room is the Edward Zorinsky Childcare Center's Playground. The playground resides entirely within the structure and cannot be seen from the street. A large section of the building's roof was removed making this fun feature a unique indoor/outdoor playground. The building occupants will be treated to the much needed addition of a large freight elevator serving all floors in the building. This will leave the building's six passenger elevators free to serve occupants only. Soon the building's mechanical systems will be on line to condition the space for interior finish work to begin in earnest in preparation for the building's opening sometime in late 2007.



Daniel Rankin,
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We look forward to hearing from you. Thank You!!



Justin Panasiuk,
Co-Editor



Jon Gordon,
DHS-FPS

DHS-FPS Security Specialist Jon Gordon Moving On

By Justin Panasiuk

Security Specialist Jon Gordon will be transferring from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Protective Service, to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Office of Labor Management Standards in Birmingham, Alabama.

Jon, who worked in Omaha for the last ten years, extends his appreciation to all of the federal community in Nebraska and Iowa, for making his stay one of the most rewarding experiences of his career.

After Jon leaves, agencies should contact Area Commander Mike Ollis at 402.221.3220 or Inspector Chris Meidt at 402.221.3210 for FPS services.



GSA Cleaning Contractor

By Council Bluffs, Non-Pareil

Nishna Productions, Inc. (NPI), has received notification that it has been awarded the National Industries for Severely Handicapped (NISH) Certificate Achievement for 2005 for their outstanding service at the Federal Building in Council Bluffs, IA. This is the sixth consecutive year that NPI has received the award.

Nishna Productions, Inc. was granted a NISH federal custodial contract on September 1, 1998. The contract specified that NISHNA Productions, Inc., would provide all of the janitorial services for the Federal Building in Council Bluffs for the General Services Administration. The chief tenant is the Postal Service on the main floor. The agency is responsible for the facility's cleaning, floor work and outdoor appearance.

The Federal Government strictly reviews the performance of the contract on a yearly basis. Stringent criteria are used to establish who qualifies to receive the NISH Certificate of Achievement. The award not only signifies that the contract workers adhere to the requirements, but also proves that people with disabilities can be productive, contributing members of society.

"The agency is very proud of the fine staff and 16 people with disabilities who perform the services at the Federal Building," said Sherri Clark, Executive Director of Nishna Productions, Inc. "This award is a great tribute to the dedication of the agency's mission to provide support and opportunity so that people with disabilities can achieve their personal goals."

Nishna Productions, Inc., is a non-profit community rehabilitation agency providing vocational and residential services to people with disabilities in Pottawattamie, Mills, Montgomery, Femont, Page and Taylor counties.



Edward Zorinsky Federal Child Development Center

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By Bright Horizons

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Hours of Operation:

6:45 a.m.— 5:45 p.m.

Monday — Friday

Teacher to Child Ratios:

Infants 1:4

Toddler 1:6

Preschool 1:10

Meals:

Nutritious breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. Milk and fruit juice are provided daily.

Directions:

We are located on the first floor of the Federal Office Building at 15th and Dodge.



Regional

Account

Manager

Your Regional Account Managers in GSA

By GSA Regional Office

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Current and Future Construction Projects for Nebraska and Iowa

By Michael Sisk

“GSA helps Federal Agencies better serve the public by offering, at best value, superior workplaces, expert solutions, acquisition services, and management policies.”

Project Questions, Comments, Inquiries, etc. 402.221.4725

Robert V. Denney Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse

100 Centennial Mall North

Lincoln, Nebraska

- ✂ Attorney Office Renovation Project. (Completed 2006)
- ✂ Department Of Transportation Project. (Completed 2006)
- ✂ Courtrooms No. 1 and 2 Improvement Project. (May - June 2006)
- ✂ Hot Water Heater System Improvement. (May - June 2006)
- ✂ Power wash, Reseal, Caulk, and Paint Exterior Building (Summer 2006)
- ✂ Parking Ramp Repairs. (Summer 2006 2006)

Roman L. Hruska U.S. Courthouse

111 South 18th Plaza

Omaha, Nebraska

- ✂ Infrastructure Project. (January 2006)
- ✂ Landscaping Project. (May 2006)
- ✂ U.S. Courts Expanding Lan Room. (October 2006)
- ✂ Replace North Stairs and Sidewalk. (Design and Replacement 2006)

Federal Office Building

203 West Second Street

Grand Island, Nebraska

- ✂ Replacement of Boiler and Associated Piping. (Fall 2006)

Federal Office Building

106 South 15th

Omaha, Nebraska

- ✂ Interior and Exterior Window Washing and Ledge Cleaning. (April 2006)

Federal Office Building, U.S. Post Office, U.S. Courthouse

8 South 6th Street

Council Bluffs, Iowa

- ✂ Interior and Exterior Window Washing. (May 2006)

Federal Office Building, U.S. Courthouse

300 East 3rd Street

North Platte, Nebraska

- ✂ Roof Replacement. (Design and Completed 2006)
- ✂ Electrical Switchgear Replacement. (Design and Completed 2006)

Edward Zorinsky Federal Office Building

1616 Capitol Avenue

Omaha, Nebraska

- ✂ Under Renovation Construction

Fast Facts

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